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SB 655
Favorable
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I am a professional firearms instructor and advocate of responsible firearms handling and ownership. I teach through my Baltimore City-based company, C-W Defense, and hold numerous credentials related to firearms instruction including being recognized as a Qualified Handgun Instructor by the Maryland State Police. Since 2016, I have taught Marylanders from all walks of life how to safely operate firearms and the responsibilities that come with them. I come before you today to urge a favorable report for Senate Bill 655.

If enacted, SB 655 would allow an individual to claim a tax credit of up to \$250 towards the purchase of devices that can be used to safely secure and store firearms. Simply put, this is an excellent method of incentivizing responsible practices for Maryland gun owners. As an instructor, I teach all my students that they should secure their firearms as appropriate to their living situation and within compliance with MD Code, Criminal Law, § 4-104. The support given by this bill makes it easier for owners to make these considerations to avoid unnecessary incidents or incarceration.

I would like to bring to the committee's attention that a similar bill, HB 2387, just passed the Virginia General Assembly with *only* 4 votes in the entire legislative body against it. The bill now awaits the signature of the Governor. It's retrievable here: <https://tinyurl.com/353zdx6b>. The Maryland General Assembly should follow suit.

I urge a favorable report.



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